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Note verbale dated 25 April 2014 from the Permanent Mission of Suriname to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Suriname to the United Nations has the honour to hereby refer to the Declaration on the Question of the Malvinas Islands adopted by the Council of Heads of State and Government of the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR) at the meeting held in Paramaribo on 30 August 2013.

In that connection and pursuant to instructions from the Government of the Republic of Suriname in its capacity as President pro tempore of UNASUR, the Permanent Mission hereby transmits a letter dated 24 April 2014 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Winston G. Lackin, to which the aforementioned Declaration is attached (see annex).

It would be appreciated if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 44.

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In that connection, and in the capacity of Suriname's pro tempore presidency of UNASUR, I attach hereto the text of the aforementioned Declaration.

As stated, the UNASUR position on the sovereignty dispute over the Malvinas Islands, South Georgia Islands, South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas remains consistent and in step with the many United Nations resolutions on the matter. Specifically, the urgent resumption of negotiations between the Argentine Republic and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in accordance with relevant resolutions and declarations of the United Nations, is viewed as the only means of resolving the dispute peacefully and definitively.

In the light of the South American cause of consolidating the region as a zone of peace, we call upon you to continue efforts aimed towards resuming a dialogue and against the introduction of unilateral modifications in the situation, as expressed by the General Assembly in resolution 31/49.

(*Signed*) Winston G. **Lackin**
Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Suriname
Chair of the UNASUR Council of Ministers for Foreign Affairs

Enclosure

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Seventh Ordinary Meeting of the Council of Heads of State and Government of the Union of South American Nations

Declaration of the Council of Heads of State and Government of the Union of South American Nations on the question of the Malvinas Islands

The Heads of State and Government of the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR) express their support for the legitimate sovereignty rights of the Argentine Republic over the Malvinas Islands, South Georgia Islands and South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas.

Furthermore, they recall the region's abiding interest in a resumption of negotiations by the Governments of the Argentine Republic and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in order to find, as soon as possible, a peaceful and definitive solution to the sovereignty dispute, in accordance with the relevant resolutions and declarations of the United Nations and the Organization of American States.

In that regard, they highlight the continuous constructive attitude and willingness of the Argentine Government to reach, by means of negotiations, a definitive solution to this anachronistic colonial situation.

Paramaribo, 30 August 2013